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E. O. 11652: GDS

SUBJECT: PUBLIC SAFETY ASSISTANCE

1. A. I. D. REPS, MESSRS. TEMPLETON AND GOIN, NEW DIRECTOR, OPS, MET WITH CROWN PRINCE HASSAN IN NYC ON MAY 7. CATLING ALSO ATTENDED MEETING.

2. CP ADVISED THAT HE HAD ASKED US TO GET TOGETHER TO "COMPARE NOTES" AND TO IDENTIFY AREAS OF POLICE REQUIREMENTS AS SET OUT BY CATLING WHICH WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING.

3. CATLING REPORTED THAT U. K. HAD AGREED TO PUT 150,000 POUNDS STERLING INTO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND THAT HE FELT THIS MIGHT BE INCREASED SOMEWHAT.

4. A. I. D. REPS ADVISED CP THAT U. S. WOULD NEED TO TAKE SEPARATE, IN- HOUSE LOOK AT GENERAL CAPABILITIES AND NEEDS OF JORDANIAN POLICE AS PREREQUISITE TO DECISION ON WHAT
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U. S. MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO.

5. CP CLEARLY DISCOMFITED BY THIS RESPONSE AND MILDLY RESISTED, SAYING THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO CLOSE DOOR, BUT THAT CATLING' S REPORT SET FORTH NATURAL PACKAGES WHICH

ALLOWED IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC AREAS OF INTEREST AND WHICH PROVIDED JUSTIFICATION FOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASES. FYI. WE DO NOT SHARE THIS VIEW. END FYI.

6. CATLING ALSO OBJECTED TO FURTHER STUDY, USING WORDS TO THE EFFECT THAT IT WOULD GET IN HIS WAY AS PRINCIPAL ADVISOR TO GOJ ON POLICE MATTERS. FYI. CATLING SPENDS LIMITED TIME IN JORDAN, AMOUNTING TO TEN DAY PERIODS SEVERAL TIMES PER YEAR. END FYI.

7. A. I. D. REPS MAINTAINED POSITION THAT U. S. PREFERRED TO LOOK AT SITUATION IN TERMS OF OVERALL NEEDS OF POLICE FORCE TO DEVELOP AS INSTITUTION AND THAT QUESTION OF PHASING IN TERMS OF BOTH HUMAN AND PHYSICAL NEEDS AS WELL AS IN TERMS OF UNDOUBTEDLY LIMITED FINANCIAL AVAILABILITIES MADE AN INDEPENDENT SURVEY MANDATORY.

8. CP FINALLY AGREED TO A. I. D. TEAM VISIT, SAYING HE HOPED THAT STUDY WOULD BE LIMITED TO THOSE AREAS IDENTIFIED BY CATLING, E. G., TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS, WEAPONRY. WE WILL RECOMMEND NATURE AND TIMING OF PROPOSED SURVEY BY SEPTTEL.

9. WE REMAIN OPPOSED TO SIMPLE " EQUIPMENT DROP" WITHOUT ON- GOING ASSURANCE OF ADEQUATE MAINTENANCE AND EFFECTIVE USE. IN ANY EVENT, PROVISION OF SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF GRANT- FUNDED EQUIPMENT WOULD BE FORM OF BUDGET SUPPORT COMPETING FOR LIMITED FORESEEABLE SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE FUNDS. ISSUE OF RELATIVE PRIORITIES WILL HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED IN REACHING FINAL DECISION ON NATURE AND LEVEL OF U. S. SUPPORT. FURTHERMORE, WE WOULD NEED TO LIMIT ANY PROCUREMENT TO U. S. AND WILL WANT TO AVOID PURCHASES OF NON- POLICE TYPE WEAPONRY FOR VARIETY OF REASONS. IN ADDITION, ANY FY 1974 PROJECT TO SUPPORT JORDANIAN POLICE WILL HAVE TO HAVE ADVANCE CONGRESSIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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APPROVAL.

10. IN SUMMARY, GOJ MUST UNDERSTAND THAT FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS AS WELL AS MORE TECHNICAL FINDINGS OF SURVEY TEAM WILL HAVE TO BE WEIGHED IN DETERMINING EVENTUAL PROGRAM. RUSH

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